

Welcome to the spring edition of the Opco newsletter

Cardiff International Airport

An exciting new project for Opco and for those of you planning to fly from Cardiff Airport this year is about to start! Following the success of the enabling works contract to demolish the existing west pier, Opco has been awarded the £4.1m contract for the first phase of the 'New Era' expansion of Cardiff Airport for TBI Plc.

The team has been on-site since February working on: the apron reinstatement with new stand lighting, new departure/arrivals walkways to serve the new stands,

remodelling of the existing building to provide a new immigration hall, new executive lounge, an upgrade of the east pier, a new bonded store and car park to accommodate 250 cars during peak season.

The big challenge for us is to provide either full or at least partial use of all the new facilities by the end of July 2006 in order to meet our client's needs for use during this year's busy summer months with an overall completion date set for September 2006.



The redevelopment of the airport will allow for the projected increase in passenger numbers over the next few years. A further expansion of

facilities is planned to meet the forecasts of 4.8 million passengers envisaged in 2015, rising to 7.8 million passengers by 2030!

Hot off the press – We have completed the executive lounge two weeks ahead of schedule so congratulations to David Tucker, David James, Kevin Gould, Geraint Morris, Carl Prosser, Steven Davies, Elliott Palmer, Daniel Lewis, Jon Richards and Phil Willington for all their hard work. Well done guys!

The Granary



Following the success of the Isis project in Dumballs Road, Opco's second project for George Wimpey Ltd is now well underway. The £3.95m development of the former Granary Store on Lloyd George Avenue in Cardiff Bay into 62 luxury apartments will see the handover of the first 20 units in December of this year.

St Catherines Corner, Pontypridd



Our £8.2m contract to construct a multi-storey car park and office complex in Pontypridd is part of the town centre regeneration programme and has sparked a lot of interest within the local community. The sod cutting ceremony was attended by the leader of



Rhondda Cynon Taff council, the local Welsh Assembly member and MP Mr Kim Howells. The silver spade for the ceremony was provided courtesy of operations director James Coombs. The Opco team is now on site and work is scheduled to take 15 months.

Project update

New Projects

Who: Land Securities

What: £700k contract to construct a temporary library in Cardiff city centre to house the central library during the building of the St David's 2 development.

When: Contract duration is 16 weeks.

Who: Vue Cinemas

What: £1.2m of shell enabling works to this new cinema complex in Exeter.

When: The project is scheduled to take 18 weeks with a start date of 8th May 2006.

Who: Peverel Management

What: The refurbishment to the apartments and communal areas in block 11a of phase four of the Century Wharf development on Dumballs Road following a leak that caused water damage to the whole block.

When: Start date to be confirmed, runs for a 24 week period

Who: Roy Thomas

What: £20,000 of concrete repairs to a car-park soffit at Alexandra House, Swansea

When: Three week duration commencing May/June 2006

Who: Mint Blue (Cwmbran) Ltd

What: £7.5m new build shell and core contract comprising: an eight screen cinema complex, 20 lane bowling alley, a nightclub and retail units in Cwmbran

When: Runs for a 15 month period commencing May/June 2006

Who: Caerphilly County Borough Council

What: £340,000 extension to Risca Leisure centre including a new fitness suite, main entrance and reception area

When: 20 week contract starting 8th May 2006

New Starters

A big welcome to our newest recruits:

- Ian Bint
- Johnathan Blenkiron
- Mike Clarke
- David Davies
- John Welsby
- Angela Watkins
- Stephen Barnes
- Marie-Anne Jeffery
- Robin Grundstrom

Newbridge Gateway



Work has recently begun on the £2m Newbridge Gateway Development. The main part of the project is the construction of a three storey steel frame office block that will be home to Caerphilly Borough Council's health authority, comprising associated external works, which include a car park for the offices and extensive 278 works.

Winner of the "Built in Quality Awards"



Phase 4 of the Century Wharf scheme won the Cardiff Council "Built in Quality Award" within the high rise residential category. The award reflects the quality of the finished product. Congratulations to all those who worked on the scheme!

Early Completions

CS1000

Our work on the CS1000 office building was completed three weeks ahead of schedule and is now ready for occupation by HM Prison Services. The £4.3m contract involved a comprehensive strip out of the building at Celtic Springs Business Park in Newport. This was followed by the installation of completely re-designed



mechanical and electrical systems, new data installations and server rooms and high level security systems.

To create the desired space, the inside of the building was transformed with the construction of offices, refreshment areas and ancillary rooms within the original open plan spaces. Externally, Opco provided new drainage, incoming telephone links, upgraded gas and water as well as a generator to act as a back up electricity supply.



Handover on Isis Project

49 units of the Isis Project on Dumballs Road for George Wimpey was successfully handed over in March 2006. Well done to Kevin McElroy and his team who accelerated the works to block 2a taking them five weeks ahead of schedule to meet the client's first quarter year end on 31st March 2006.